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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 2155**

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Applicants: Novaes et al.

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Title: METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR MANAGING
PROCESSING GROUPS OF A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

To: Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Response to Final Office Action

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the final Office Action mailed October 3, 2006, in connection with the above-designated application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the final Office Action are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks below.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.